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SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH THE PRC

FOR HABIB AND RUMMEL FROM THE SECRETARY
REF: 1 TOSEC 270493, STATE 234413, 2: TOSEC 270572, STATE 234413
1. ALTHOUGH WE AGREE THAT THE CHINESE HANDLING OF THE
SCHLESINGER VISIT WAS POINTED AT THE SOVIETS, WE REMAIN
CONVINCED THAT IT WAS ALSO A CALCULATED AND BLATANT
AFFRONT TO THE ADMINISTRATION AS WELL. AMBASSADOR
GATES' ANALYSIS TOTALLY MISSES THIS POINT. WE ARE
FORTUNATE THAT THE PRESS HAS SOMEHOW MISSED THE POINT
AS WELL, THOUGH THIS COULD STILL CHANGE ONCE THE
SCHLESINGER TEAM RETURNS AND STARTS TALKING. IN ANY
EVENT, I BELIEVE OUR NEARATERM POSTURE SHOULD SEND
SOME SIGNALS OF ANNOYANCE TO PEKING WITHOUT DISRUPTING
FUNDAMENTAL STRANDS OF OUR POLICY. I WILL MAKE THE
LINKAGE UNAMBIGUOUS IF AND WHEN I SEE THEIR FOREIGN
MINISTER. IF HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK IS SIGNIFICANTLY
DELAYED, I WILL CALL IN AMBASSADOR HUANG BOTH TO TALK
ABOUT AFRICA AND TO MAKE KNOWN OUR DISPLEASURE OVER
THE HANDLING OF THE SCHLESINGER VISIT.
2. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR THE QESTIONS RAISED IN
REFTELS:
-- PARA THREE. THE STATE REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE
HUMMEL AND RICHARDSON, BUT NOT HABIB.
-- PARA FIVE. YOU SHOULD GO AHEAD REPEAT GO AHEAD ON
THE CDC COMPUTER. THIS IS TOO BASIC A MATTER TO
REVERSE COURSE ON NOW.
-- PARA SIX. THE VOLLEYBALL MATCH AND RECEPTION.
ATTENDANCE SHOULD BE LIMITED AS INDICATED IN SUB- PARA
A. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE WHITE HOUSE OR
ANY MEMBER OF THE FORD FAMILY RECEIVE THE TEAM.
-- PARA SEVEN. AS OF NOW I LEAN TOWARD HABIB AND
BENNET, WITH EQUAL LEVELS IN OTHER AGENCIES, FOR THE
CHINESE RECEPTIONS. THIS NOT A FINAL DECISION,
HOWEVER, AND I WANT TO REFLECT ON IT FURTHER SO NO
ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.
3. MAKE SURE THAT SCOWCROFT SEES THIS MESSAGE.
KISSINGER

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